

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended and Claims 5 and 6 are cancelled. Claims 1-3, 7-11 and 14-21, as amended, remain in the application. No new matter is added by the amendments to the claims.

The Rejections:

In the Office Action dated February 14, 2006, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chaney in view of Patterson, U.S. Patent 4,084,015.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore, U. S. Patent 2,515,887 in view Chaney and Patterson.

Applicants' Response:

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 9-11 and 14-20.

The Examiner stated that Claims 6-8 and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants amended Claim 1 to include the subject matter of cancelled Claims 5 and 6.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above arguments, Applicants believe that the claims of record now define patentable subject matter over the art of record. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.